

# Budget Unit Brief

## FY 2017



## Corrections Education

### Purpose

The [Department of Corrections](#) (DOC) receives an appropriation for corrections education to fund Iowa Code section [904.516](#). The DOC Central Office contracts with local community colleges to provide professors to the Institutions to allow opportunities for offenders to earn a High School Equivalency Diploma ([HiSET](#)), achieve adult literacy, and receive adult basic education while incarcerated. The DOC Central Office also contracts with Area Education Agencies (AEAs) to provide special education staff as needed.

### Funding

A General Fund appropriation for corrections education is provided in the [Justice System Appropriations Subcommittee](#) budget bill. Language in the appropriations budget bill permits unused funds to be carried forward to the next fiscal year, with the restriction that the carryforward balance must be used for corrections education.

The General Fund appropriation is combined with [Inmate Telephone Fund](#) allocations as approved by the [Board of Corrections](#). The DOC may also allocate money from the [Institution's canteen funds](#) or [Iowa Prison Industries' Revolving Fund](#), as provided in the budget bill.

Refer to the **Issue Review** [State Prison System Budget](#) for additional information regarding the prison operating costs.

### Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapters [259A](#) and [904](#)  
[201](#) Iowa Administrative Code

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### More Information

Department of Corrections: <http://www.doc.state.ia.us/>

Iowa General Assembly: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/>

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